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Mr. Secretary: (For Approval) GK Talked. Noted OK

Mr. Lovett: ~~(For Concurrence)~~

I refer to Mr. Lovett's memorandum for the Secretary, dated May 21, (attached) in which he concurred in the recommendation that the course which this Government embarks upon with respect to Palestine "should be cleared with the National Security Council after careful consideration."

The Policy Planning Staff held a meeting yesterday, attended by Mr. Thorp, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hickerson, Mr. Sandifer, and other interested officials of the Department, to consider the question of placing the Palestine problem before the National Security Council. It was agreed that we should begin immediately to develop a paper on Palestine and its overall policy implications, particularly with respect to the Middle East, for submission to you and eventual clearance through the National Security Council.

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Attachments:
Secretary's memorandum of approval
Mr. Lovett's memorandum for the Secretary
Policy Planning Staff memorandum

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